

SURFSIDE RED-LIGHT CAMERA SAFETY PROGRAM FAQ'S

Florida State Statute

Pursuant to the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act, the owner of a motor vehicle is liable for payment of a minimum civil penalty of \$158 if the owner's vehicle proceeds into an intersection equipped with a photographic traffic control monitoring system when the traffic control signal for that vehicle's direction of travel is emitting a steady red signal.

Why install red-light cameras?

Traffic studies show that red-light running is a problem at many intersections throughout Surfside. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates 20 percent of all drivers do not obey intersection traffic signals. Red-light cameras help enforce traffic laws by automatically photographing vehicles whose drivers run red lights.

The Town of Surfside is committed to the safety of the community and dedicated to reducing red-light violations and their potential for crashes and injuries on our roadways.

Run a red light-cause a crash

Red-light violations contribute substantially to the millions of intersection collisions that occur nationally each year. Red-light running is the leading cause of urban crashes according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. In 2007, almost 900 people were killed and an estimated 153,000 were injured in crashes that involved red-light running.

Police can't be at an intersection 24/7

The Surfside Police Department simply does not have enough police officers to enforce red-light running violations at every intersection in the Town.

We want to change driver behavior

The purpose of this program is to increase traffic safety in Surfside by reducing red-light violations. The overall goal of the program is to change dangerous driver behavior. Each driver makes a decision when approaching an intersection where the light has just turned red. Impatient drivers often choose to continue through the intersection, ignoring the law and putting lives at risk.

Studies across the country prove red-light camera programs are successful at both reducing the number of red-light runners and increasing compliance with traffic laws. The Federal Highway Administration studies show a 40–50% reduction in red-light running.

What happens when you make a left or right hand turn at an intersection utilizing a red-light camera?

If a vehicle is completely within the intersection at the time the light turns red, you will not be issued a violation.

A notice will not be issued for failure to stop at red light if the driver is making a right-hand turn in a careful and prudent manner at an intersection where right-hand turns are permissible.

How much is the fine and what about my driving record?

Violations will be assessed a \$158 statutory penalty and no points will be assessed.

If the fine is not paid in a timely fashion a "Uniform Traffic Citation" will be issued and increased penalties could be assessed including court costs.

What do I do if I receive a notice?

If you receive a notice, go to www.ViolationInfo.com and logon with the information provided on the notice. There you can view video of the incident and the images captured.

Where are the red-light cameras?

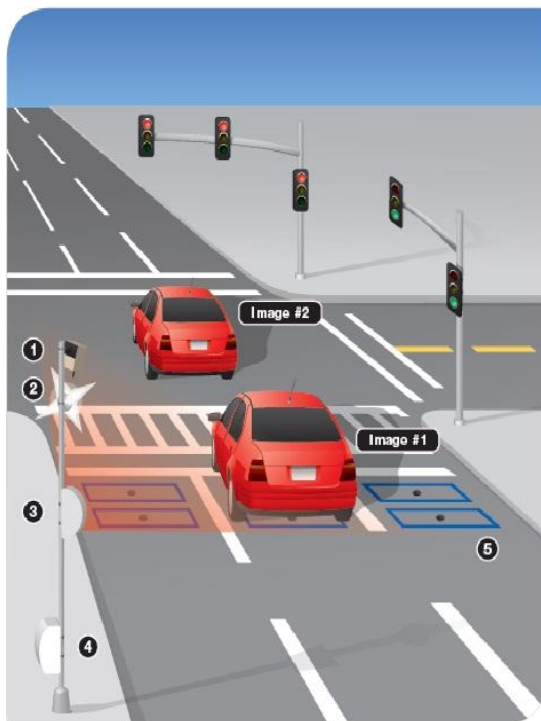
The intersection safety cameras are located at the following five intersections:

- 88th Street and Collins Avenue
- 90th Street and Collins Avenue
- 93rd Street and Collins Avenue
- 96th Street and Collins Avenue
- 88th Street and Harding Avenue

For further information please contact Sergeant Richard Williams at (305) 861-4862 or rwilliams@townofsurfsidefl.gov.

HOW IT WORKS

- The system activates when motion is detected just prior to the crosswalk AFTER the traffic signal has turned red. The cameras capture two images of an alleged violation, taken from the rear of the vehicle.
- The first image shows the vehicle at the white stop bar and the illuminated red light.
- The second image shows the violator in the middle of the intersection with the red light illuminated.
- The license plate image is a close-up from one of the images captured.
- Data, including the time, date, and duration of the yellow and red lights, also is recorded.
- Cameras also record a 12-second digital video of the violation, including six seconds prior to and six seconds after running the red light.



- 1 Sensor Receiver
- 2 Strobe
- 3 Camera
- 4 Controller
- 5 Traffic Infraction Detector/
Detection Zones

- Image #1** The 1st Image records the vehicle behind the crosswalk while the light is red
- Image #2** The 2nd Image records the vehicle proceeding through the intersection while the light is red

TOWN OF SURFSIDE RED-LIGHT CAMERA SAFETY PROGRAM BEGINS WITH A WARNING PERIOD

The Town of Surfside has announced that its red-light safety cameras will begin capturing still images and video of red-light running violators at designated intersections starting on January 1, 2011.

The program begins with a month long warning period. During the warning period, a warning notice will be issued to the vehicle's registered owner without an attached fine. However, as of February 1, 2011, at the completion of the warning period, citations will be issued. Red-Light Safety cameras are currently approved for enforcement at the following intersections:

- 88th Street and Collins Avenue
- 90th Street and Collins Avenue
- 93rd Street and Collins Avenue
- 96th Street and Collins Avenue
- 88th Street and Harding Avenue

The warning period will give residents an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the public safety goals of our red-light program before actual citations are issued. Warning signs alerting drivers to the red-light cameras are posted on the street just prior to the intersection where cameras are in place. After the warning period is complete, vehicles that run through red-lights at the intersections will be issued a citation and fine.

The cameras will operate seven (7) days a week and 24-hours a day. They will capture both still and video images of each vehicle running through the intersection(s) when the traffic light is red.

The Town of Surfside program is administered by American Traffic Solutions, Inc. (ATS), completely separate and apart from the traffic signals/red lights and their maintenance. Each violation will be reviewed by the Surfside Police Department for citation issuance.

For more information about the Town of Surfside's Red-Light Camera Safety Program please contact Sergeant Richard Williams at 305-861-4862 or rwilliams@townofsurfsidefl.gov.

PRESS RELEASE**TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEGINS WARNING PERIOD FOR
RED-LIGHT SAFETY PROGRAM**

The Town of Surfside announced that its red-light safety cameras will begin taking photos of red-light runners at designated intersections beginning January 1, 2011. Cameras will capture still images and video of red-light running violations. During a month long warning period, a warning notice will be issued to the vehicle's registered owner. There will be no fine for this warning notice. At the completion of the warning period, and effective February 1, 2011, citations will be issued.

The intersection safety cameras are located at the following five (5) intersections:

- 88th Street and Collins Avenue
- 90th Street and Collins Avenue
- 93rd Street and Collins Avenue
- 96th Street and Collins Avenue
- 88th Street and Harding Avenue

“The warning period will give residents an opportunity to become familiar with the system. We encourage people to slow down and definitely stop on red before the actual citations begin,” said Police Chief David Allen. “This is a public safety program, and our goal is to deter red-light runners and prevent collisions resulting from these violations.”

Cameras will operate 24-hours a day and capture images of every vehicle running a red-light at the intersection. Warning signs alerting drivers to the intersection safety cameras have been installed prior to the warning period.

The program is administered by American Traffic Solutions, Inc. (ATS) with each violation reviewed and approved by the Town of Surfside Police Department prior to being issued.

Intersection safety technology is just one way the Town of Surfside will make local streets safer for everyone. For more information contact Sergeant Richard Williams at 305 861-4862 or rwilliams@townofsurfsidefl.gov or visit the Town website at www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

The Town of Surfside has contracted with American Traffic Solutions Inc. (ATS) which provides road safety programs for nearly 300 communities across North America. More information about ATS is available at www.atsol.com.